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The Ohra Valley Dam on Ohrdruf-Oberhofstrasse, with a storage capacity of 17.8 million cubic meters, is the most important of the large-scale construction projects included under the Five-Year Plan to improve the water supply in Land Thuringen. A large ring main with numerous branches will pass through the entire Thuringen Basin, and will supply water to the cities of Arnstadt, Erfurt, Weimar, Apolda, Langensalza, Muehlhausen, and others. This project is to be supplemented by a new reserve waterworks near Apolda, which will be used as a source of water supply during peak consumption periods. The construction of the ring main is designed to eliminate the water shortage, a problem which has frequently confronted the cities and villages located in the Thuringen Basin.

The new masonry dam in the Weida Valley in Kreis Gera is scheduled for completion in 1952. It will be possible to dam up 9.7 million cubic meters of water at this project by the end of 1952.(1)

The expansion of industrial capacity provided for in the Five-Year-Plan necessitates an increase of 175 percent in the requirements of water for drinking and other purposes. The plan therefore provides for a 160-percent enlargement of the storage capacity of valley dams and reservoirs in the German Democratic Republic.

The largest water-supply construction project in the German Democratic Republic is in the Elbaue region; after completion, it is scheduled to supply the Central Germany industrial area (Dessau, Koethen, Halle, Merseburg, Boehlen-Espenhain, and Leipzig) with 240,000-300,000 cubic meters of water daily for

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drinking and other purposes. The enormous size of the Elbaue project is apparent when this dam is compared with the valley dam at Sosa, which has a daily capacity of only 14,000 cubic meters of water.(2)

SOURCES

1. Berlin, Tagliche Rundschau, 27 Jan 1952
2. Ibid., 8 Jan 1952

[Appended figure follows.]

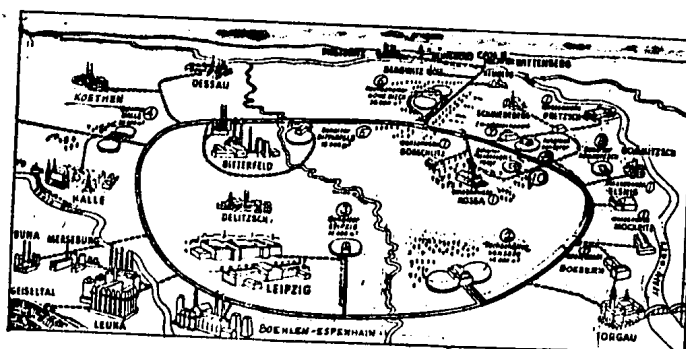
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The Elbaue Project



Legend

Gravity pipeline ————
 Pressure line ————
 Feeder and supply lines - - - - -

1. Waterworks
2. Hohburg overhead tank, 40,000 cubic meters capacity
3. Leipzig reservoir, 10,000 cubic meters capacity
4. Halle reservoir, 20,000 cubic meters capacity
5. Bitterfeld reservoir, 10,000 cubic meters capacity
6. Hohe Gieck overhead tank, 20,000 cubic meters capacity
7. Intermediate pump station
8. Equalizing tank
9. Domnitzsch reservoir
10. Falkenberger Forst reservoir

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